Regular Meeting
February 24, 2015 (re-scheduled from February 17, 2015)

Opening

Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m. School Board President Mr. William G. Bush, IV. called the February 24, 2015 (re-scheduled from February 17, 2015) Caesar Rodney School District Regular School Board meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present in addition to Mr. Bush were Vice-President Mrs. Melody Heavner, Mrs. Cheryl Precourt, Mr. P. Scott Wilson and Executive Secretary Dr. Kevin R. Fitzgerald. Absent: Mrs. Jessica Marelli.

Adoption of Agenda

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to modify the February 17, 2015 (re-scheduled to February 24, 2015) Regular Meeting agenda to move VI. Executive Session before IV. Action Items. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Wilson, Bush and Precourt). Mrs. Heavner made a motion to adopt the modified February 17, 2015 (re-scheduled to February 24, 2015) Regular Meeting agenda and addendum. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Wilson, Bush and Precourt).

Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush and Wilson).

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Presentation

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Caesar Rodney High School

Dr. Sherry Kijowski and Mr. Luis Cosme expressed appreciation to and recognized the advanced placement teachers at the Caesar Rodney High School. The following teachers were presented with certificates: Mrs. Tammy Geidel, Ms. Kathleen Swierzbinski, Ms. Emily VanSickle, Mr. Jay McCormick, Mrs. Mary Ann Noel, Mr. Paul Wilson, Mr. Michael Tucci, Mr. William Peppard, Mrs. Molly Stokes, Ms. Shelley Smith, Mrs. Lisa Kane, Mrs. Diana Bauer, Ms. Kit Smoot, Ms. Haihong Zhao and Mrs. Liz Boaman (not present).

Recognitions

Advanced Placement Scholars

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2013-14 AP Scholars and presented them with certificates. Mrs. Amanda Mazzola, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2013-14 AP Scholars: Bryna Alden, Joy Ford, Daniel Krewson, Liam O'Connor, Efe Ozturkoglu, Caleb Siebach, Jonni Tran, Nathaniel Twining and Conner Zaia. 2013-14 AP Scholars not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Timothy Barnes, Michelle Dao, Allison Dehn, Presten DeMarreau, Joshua Diehl, John Graham, Christopher Gravelle, Gary Gray, Marcianna Green, Cherrita Guy, Miranda Hunt, Isha Iqbal, Gavin Keene, Alexandra Kessler, Allyson Killen, Issybella

Lang, Riley Lust, Zachary Moseder, Francisco Palanca, Kush Patel, Nilav Patel, Caroline Phillips, Sarah-Rachae Posley, Juneessa Pressley, Caitlin Purcell, Frederica Solomon, Timothy Steindl, Momina Toseef, Alex Tran, Emily Walls, Justin Wutka and Kyle Wutka.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2013-14 AP Scholars with Honor and presented them with certificates. Mr. Daniel J. Lopez, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2013-14 AP Scholars with Honor: Devin Miller, Channah Mills and Laura Wagner. 2013-14 AP Scholars with Honor not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Jessica Ament, Alex Anderson, Kurt Anderson, Emily Booth, Julie Carpenter, Connor Castellon, Francesca Cheatham, Sara Dibartola, Jessica Howell, Alyssa Imprescia, Dhruv Kumar, Akil Patel, Clay Radford, Stephanie Rodgers, Allison Rossi, Ana Tegtmeier and Leanne Voshell.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2013-14 AP Scholars with Distinction and presented them with certificates. Mr. Larry Friend, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2013-14 AP Scholars with Distinction: Caroline Bennett, Angela Errico, Julia Haynes and Rebekah Mills. 2013-14 AP Scholars with Distinction not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Alexandra Brodin, Elizabeth Dorton, Patrick Gallucci, Nicholas Gruwell, Virginia Hartung, Mikayla Humiston, Christina Kim, Snehil Kumar, Parker Kurlander, Raeleesha Norris, Logan Paige, Sheridan Parker, Jay Patel, Sam Phillips, Heather Reid, Emily Sebastian, Madison Stark, Logan Stout, Abigail Thompson and Robert Zipp.

The Caesar Rodney Board of Education recognized the 2013-14 National AP Scholars and presented them with certificates. Dr. Kevin Long, Assistant Principal at the Caesar Rodney High School announced the following students as the 2013-14 National AP Scholars: Caroline Bennett. 2013-14 National AP Scholars not able to attend the meeting were as follows: Alexandra Brodin, Patrick Gallucci, Madison Stark and Robert Zipp.

Communications

Superintendent

Dr. Fitzgerald communicated the following to the Board:

- Congratulations to the 85 students that were recognized this evening as AP Scholars for taking the most challenging courses offered.
- Congratulations to the 2015-16 Building Teachers of the Year: Paula Coleman (John S. Charlton School), John Muller II (Caesar Rodney High School), Sandra Krugh (W. B. Simpson Elementary School), Tara Schmeling (McIlvaine Early Childhood Center), Michael Burger (Dover Air Force Base Middle School), Charles Wilt, Jr. (Fred Fifer III Middle School), Kellie Wilson (F. Niel Postlethwait Middle School), Linda Price (Allen Frear Elementary School), Sean Sealund (Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School), Jennifer Skripko (W. Reily Brown Elementary School), Cherylyn Minto (George Welch Elementary School) and Rebecca Donahue (Star Hill Elementary School).
- At last Thursday's State Board meeting the State Board recognized the outstanding administrators of the year. As you know, Dr. Kijowski is this year's National Distinguished Principal, but as the State Board congratulated her for her accomplishments last year, they also took the time to note the great opportunities that Caesar Rodney High School has to offer – 21 AP courses, 2 dual enrollment courses, 7 world languages, a vibrant STEM program along with a multitude of opportunities for our students.
- On Monday the high school went through a Department of Education audit of the common core standards. As was explained during the exit interview, the school and the district continue to lead the state in the way in which we have adopted curriculum and lessons to meet the needs of our students. I'd like to congratulate Dr. Kijowski and her team along with Dr. Lykens and his team for a job well done.
- Another high school commendation goes to the STEM students that won the Samsung award for modifying a children's toy car and making it a serviceable means of transportation for handicapped students at Charlton.
- Congratulations to our DECCA students for their success at the state competition.
- Good luck to our wrestlers and swimmers in the state tournament/swim meet.
- Congratulations to the students from McIlvaine, Simpson and Frear for an outstanding job at Sunday's Dover Chinese New Year celebration.
- Congratulations to Del Tech's upward bound program on their 51st anniversary. I was their guest speaker at their luncheon on Saturday and I'm very proud of the work of the CR students involved in the program as they get ready to go to college.
- I would like to commend Mr. Ken Starke and our maintenance crew. On Saturday and Sunday we had three situations at three different schools: Fifer, Frear and the high school where either pipes broke or flooding occurred due to Sunday's thaw. The situations were handled with some modifications and school went on.

- A clarification – as much as we care about the health and well-being of our students, the decision to close school as a result of the cold is not made solely out of fear of frostbite. It's because of the concern by our contractors that their busses may not start or keep running at these temperatures.
- On March 12, 13 and 14 Hello Dolly will be performed at the high school.

School Board

There were no comments from the School Board at this meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:39 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to go into Executive Session. The purpose of which was to discuss the CREA Contract. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Heavner, Bush and Precourt).

At 8:24 p.m. Mrs. Heavner made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush and Wilson).

Action Items

Personnel Matters

1. Administrative Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Jean Allen	SHE	Assistant Principal	Transfer effective 1/26/2015.
Wendy Whitehurst	WRB	Assistant Principal	Appointment effective 1/26/2015.

2. Teacher Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Nancy Schofield	FMS	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 2/9/2015.
Jennifer Brown	JSC	Vocational Nurse	Temporary appointment effective 2/9/2015.
Theresa Charney	FNP	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 1/26/2015.
Karine Thibault	WBS	Physical Education	Temporary appointment effective 2/9/2015.
Cristine Perry	CRH	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 1/26/2015.
Wendy Dotson	ABM	Exceptional Children	Temporary appointment effective 2/9/2015.
Jamie Rodriquez	WEL	Kindergarten	Resignation effective end of SY2014-15.
Donna Carter	SHE	Grade 3	Retirement effective end of SY2014-15.
Linda Hammond	AFE	Grade 2	Retirement effective end of SY2014-15.

3. Paraprofessional Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Susan Parramore	AFE	Title I	Retirement effective end of SY2014-15.
Thomas Short	FNP	ILC	Retirement effective end of SY2014-15.

4. CREA Travel Requests

Name	School	Position	Action
Liz Baker	CRH	Teacher	To attend Natl Science Teacher's Assoc Natl Conf, 3/12-15/2015 in Chicago, IL.
Zhongli Xu	WBS	Teacher	To attend Natl Chinese Language Conf 2015, 4/15-17/2015 in Atlanta, GA.

5. Extra Duty Recommendations/Resignations

Name	School	Position	Sport	Action
Paul Amalfitano	FNP	Assistant Coach	Wrestling	Recommendation effective for SY2014-15.
Eric Curry	CRH	Head Coach	Basketball/Boys JV	Recommendation effective for SY2014-15.
Damien Robinson	CRH	Assistant Co-Coach	Basketball/Boys Varsity	Recommendation effective for SY2014-15.

6. Child Nutrition Appointments/Resignations/Retirements/Transfers

Name	School	Position	Action
Becca MacDonald	WRB	3 hr. General Worker	Appointment effective 2/18/2015.

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve Personnel Matters A.1 through A.6 as presented on the agenda. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Wilson, Bush and Precourt).

7. Approval of CREA Contract

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve the CREA Contract as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush and Wilson).

Routine Business

Student Travel

Caesar Rodney High Students

Event	Date	Location
FEA Nationals	Thursday, April 23 through Saturday, April 25, 2015	Arlington, VA
AP Literature Celebration	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Hershey Park Hershey, PA 17033
AFROTC Trip	Thursday, May 21, 2015	Arlington, VA
CRHS Cheer Competition	Monday, April 13 through Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Virginia Beach Convention Center Virginia Beach, VA
CR Plant Science Pathway	Friday, May 22, 2015	Longwood Gardens Kennett Square, PA 19348
AP Literature Trip	Friday, May 22, 2015	9/11 Memorial & Chabad-Lubavitch Synagogue New York City, NY

Fred Fifer III Middle Students

Event	Date	Location
7th and 8th Grade Band Members to participate in a Band Competition	Saturday, May 16, 2015	Hershey Park Hershey, PA 17033
6th, 7th and 8th Grade Chorus Members to participate in a Chorus Competition	Saturday, May 16, 2015	Hershey Park Hershey, PA 17033

F. Niel Postlethwait Middle Students

Event	Date	Location
Power of Youth Conference and Training Seminar	Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8, 2015	The Embassy Suites 854 S. College Avenue Newark, Delaware

Allen Frear Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
Longwood Gardens	Tuesday, March 31, 2015	Kennett Square, PA

W. Reily Brown Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
3rd Grade and 3rd Grade Level IV classes to Longwood Gardens	Tuesday, March 17, 2015	Kennett Square, PA

Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
Young Gentleman Leadership Academy	Wednesday, March 25 or Tuesday, March 31, 2015	White House and US Capital Tour Washington, DC

Welch Elementary Students

Event	Date	Location
5th Grade Students to Washington, DC	Monday, May 18, 2015	Washington, DC

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve Student Travel as presented on the agenda and addendum. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush and Wilson).

Gifts to Schools

a. Caesar Rodney School District received a donation of winter coats for students from the Wyoming Methodist Church.
b. Air Base Middle School received a donation of $200.00 from the Dover Officers Spouses' Club.
c. Allen Frear Elementary School received a donation of $500.00 to their Special Education Team from Gale & Associates.

Mrs. Heavner made a motion to approve Gifts to Schools as presented on the agenda. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Heavner, Precourt, Bush and Wilson).

Policy Matters

2014-15 and 2015-16 School Choice Recommendations
Mrs. Precourt made a motion to approve 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Choice Recommendations as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Precourt, Wilson, Bush and Heavner).

Fiscal Matters

Budget/Fiscal Reports

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept Budget/Fiscal reports as presented. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Heavner).

Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2014

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the Financial Position Report as of December 31, 2014 as presented. Mrs. Heavner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Heavner, Bush and Precourt).

Discussion Items

Directors' Reports

Directors' reports, which include their Supervisors' reports, are included for the Board's review.

Presentation of the State Required Teen Dating and Sexual Assault Policy
Mrs. Tamara Toles Torain, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, provided the Board with an overview and insight on the Responding to Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Assault Policy JLDBG.

Presentation of the 2015-16 District Calendar
Mrs. Tamara Toles Torain provided the Board with the recommendations from the Calendar Committee and the Superintendent for the 2015-16 District Calendar.

Adjournment

At 9:26 p.m. Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Precourt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously 4-0 (Wilson, Precourt, Bush and Heavner).

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Kevin R. Fitzgerald, Ed. D., Executive Secretary Date

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